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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who uses a local provider. Competition is good; don't eliminate it! Supporting monopolies will only reduce service and increase prices! In many rural communities smaller providers are the only ones providing service. Deregulation will NOT produce better service, only higher prices!

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